(c) Children of Indian Nationals, who are engaged in unclean occupations *i.e.* scavenging, tanning and flaying etc., pursuing pre-matric courses are eligible for scholarship. There is no restriction as to the number of children of the same parents who would be eligible for award of scholarship up to class VIM subject to the condition that if a third or subsequent child is born after 1-4-1993, a total of only two children in the family would eligible for award of the scholarship. In respect of classes IX & X, only two children of the same parents are eligible for the award of the scholarship.

Funds under the scheme are released on the basis of the proposals received from the concerned States/UTs. No proposal has been received from the UT Administrations for the year 2005-06 so far.

(d) The utilization of central assistance released in the previous year is obtained from the States/UTs to ensure its proper utilization before releasing further Central assistance.

Classification of heart patients as disabled

71. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Delhi has given a ruling that persons suffering from heart ailments are entitled to the benefits of the Disabilities Act for the purpose of employment, income, etc. by giving a wider meaning to the term "Disability".

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are thinking of amending the above Act in the light of the above ruling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in its Judgement dated 16.5.2005 in W.P. No. 3890 of 2003 (Kumar Bharat Prasand Narain Singh Vs. Airports Authority of India) has also hoped that an amendment of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 would be considered expeditiously.

(c) The matter is being examined for taking necessary action in this regard.